## Lyman-Dayton Fire Commission (FC) Special Meeting Minutes October 6, 2016

Location: Goodwin's Mills Fire Station

Called to order 6:30 pm

## In Attendance:

Fire Commissioners – Chris Boyden, Amos Gay, Jim Roberts, Don Hernon, GMFR –Fire Chief Roger Hooper (part time); Thomas Hooper (part time). Absent – FC Wendell Smith

Meeting was not recorded.

## **Business-**

The FC considered the following information in reviewing disciplinary action for Mr. Hooper:

- 1. Material presented by Mr. Hooper at the joint Lyman-Dayton Select Board appeal hearing on September 27, 2016.
- 2. Relevant excerpts from Mr. Hooper's personnel record.
- 3. Recommendations from Deputy Fire Chief Chad Johnston and Assistant Fire Chief Ben Harris.
- 4. Discussion with Mr. Hooper.

The FC voted to impose the following disciplinary action for Mr. Hooper:

- 1. Reinstatement as a GMFR Firefighter, effective immediately, with suspension until November 18, 2016, which is one year after Mr. Hooper's criminal mischief incident.
- 2. Probation until completion of the deferred disposition agreement with the State of Maine District Court, currently scheduled for May 25, 2017.
- 3. Reduction in rank from Captain to Firefighter.

Mr. Thomas Hooper was advised of his right to appeal this disciplinary action, and to have an attorney represent him at his own expense in an appeal to the Lyman and Dayton Select Boards. Mr. Thomas Hooper left the meeting.

Fire Chief Roger Hooper joined the meeting.

Executive Session - at 7:50 pm FC voted to go into Executive Session per MRS Title 1 Chapter 13, Section 405.6, Personnel Issue. 8:23 pm; FC out of Executive Session; no votes taken; nothing to report.

FC approved a letter to Ms. Connie Hill in response to her report concerning driving of GMFR vehicles. FC Secretary to forward the letter signed by FC Chair, with information copy to Lyman and Dayton Select Boards.

## **Next Meeting** –

Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 20, 2016, 6:30 pm at the GMFR Fire Station.

**Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes compiled by FC Secretary Don Hernon